AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the

application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1.-35. (canceled).

36. (currently amended): A system for managing usage of a parking space including:

a sensor to sense usage of the parking space by a vehicle; and

a processor coupled to the sensor, the processor being programmed to:

determine an elapsed usage time of the vehicle based on the sensed usage;

calculate a usage fee based on the elapsed usage time and two-tier pricing that

charges a fixed price per time up to a predetermined usage time and thereafter charges an

increasingly higher variable price ~~per time~~ that increases as time progresses and thereby is a

disincentive to usage of the parking space beyond the predetermined usage time; and

accept payment of the usage fee or information therefor.

37. (currently amended): A system according to claim 36, wherein usage of the parking

space is manageable by selectively varying the predetermined usage time, the fixed price per

time, the increasingly higher variable price ~~per time~~ that increases as time progresses, and

combinations thereof.

38. (currently amended): A method for managing a parking space, the method including the steps of:

sensing usage of the parking space by a vehicle with a sensor;

determining in a processor an elapsed usage time of the vehicle based on the sensed usage;

calculating in the processor a usage fee based on the elapsed usage time and two-tier pricing that charges a fixed price per time up to a predetermined usage time and thereafter charges an increasingly higher variable price ~~per time~~ that <u>increases as time progresses and thereby is</u> a disincentive to usage of the parking space beyond the predetermined usage time;<u> and</u>

accepting payment of the usage fee or information therefore.

39. (currently amended): A method according to claim 38, further including the step of selectively varying the predetermined usage time, the fixed price per time, the increasingly higher variable price ~~per time~~ <u>that increases as time progresses</u>, and combinations thereof.